[English]

Regional Language Programmes/Films on Doordarshan

731. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan Channel-1 has completely stopped not only Regional language feature films but also all other Cultural programmes in different reginal languages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider the telecast of feature films and other cultural programmes in regional languages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) and (b) In the revised pattern of transmission made by Prasar Bharati on DD-1, regioal language films have been stopped on DD-1 in afternoon transmission to accommodate them in the regional transmission from regional centres. This was done to enhance viewership of afternoon programmes on regional network and regional language films on regional channels. However, cultural programmes from different regions continue to be telecast on national network.

(c) and (d) To telecast regional language feature films on Doordarshan, new guidelines/criteria are being formulated for the purpose.

(e) Does not arise.

Rerforms in Power Sector

732. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKARA REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the reforms proposed to be undertaken in power sector by the Government;

(b) whether any decision has been taken to restructure all the electricity boards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) It is proposed to set up Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) at the national level and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) in the States for rationalisation of tariff and matters related thereto. Steps have also been taken to expedite completion of on-going projects. Improve the efficiency of existing units and encourage flow of private investment with the power sector. State Governments have also been urged to improve the working of State Electricity Boards and the distribution system.

(b) and (c) The decision regarding restructuring of the State Electricity Boards is required to be taken by the State Governments; Orissa is the first State which has introduced reforms in their power sector by enactment of Orissa Electricity Reforms Act, 1995. Similarly, Haryana has also enacted Haryana Electricity Reforms Act, 1998 recently. The other State which have initiated action to undertake reforms and restructuring in their power sector are Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam and Goa.

Construction of Kendriya Vidyalayas Buildings

733. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether buildings for all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country have been constructed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the buildings of the remaining Kendriya Vidyalayas are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalays Sangathan (KVS) has informed that KVS is responsible for construction of 708 buildings for schools. This excludes Project Schools/Schools located in institutions of Higher learning. Out of 708, 353 school buildings have been constructed. The break-up status of remaining 355 schools is as under :

Buildings under Construction	83
Buildings under Planning	117
Land yet to be transferred by sponsoring agencies	155

The construction of remaining buildings will depend upon availability of land and funds.

Telecast of Features of Netaji Centenary

734. SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast special features to celebrate the end Netaji Centenary;

(b) if so, whether the Government have plans to produce a feature on the special relationship between Rabindranath Tagore and Netaji Subhash Chandra; and

(c) if so, the plans of the Government to produce a documentary on Netaji Research Bureau, the Institute

housed in Netaji's ancestral home in Calcutta which is the storehouse of all documents on Netaji?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Doordarshan has planned to produce a programme on Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta.

Promotion in IRCC

735. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of suggestions/letters given to IRCC Board/Management by L.O. for SC/ST IRCC before regularising irregular promotions and dereserving reserved points for the period 1991-93;

(b) the action taken on the said letters and Para 5th (Annexure-V) of Mittal Report by IRCC/Board before clearing the same;

(c) the instructions/directions issued by National Commission for SC/ST on January 29, 1998 to IRCC;

(d) the reasons for not implementing the O.M. 36011/12/81 Est (SCT) dated November 10, 1980 during 1991-93 inspite of SC/ST Association's demand; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of Tribals form Nagarhole National Park

736. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the details of tribals living inside Nagarhole National Park in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Karnataka Government had sent any proposal for Rs. 43.50 lakh assistance to shift them to some other place and for taking up rehabilitation programme; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) According to the information received from the Government of Karnataka there are about 1450 tribal families living in 48 hamlets located inside and on the fringes of Nagarhole National Park.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A proposal to shift and rehabilitate 50 tribal families was received from the Karnataka Government during 1997-98 and accordingly, the Union Government having sanctioned the total amount of Rs. 43.50 lakhs has released Rs. 25.00 lakhs as the first instalment under its 'Beneficiary Oriented Scheme for Tribal Development'.

[Translation]

Stadia in M.P.

737. SHRI V.K. KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of stadia constructed in Madhya Pradesh so far with the help of Central assistance;

(b) the number of stadia under construction; and

(c) the amount likely to be provided this year to complete the stadia under construction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Nine stadia have been constructed so far and twenty-one projects are under construction in Madhya Pradesh with assistance from the Central Government.

(c) As per the provisions of the Central Scheme, grants are released to the State Governments/UTs on fulfilment of certain conditions stipulated in the sanction. No specific earmarking of funds during each financial year is made. As such, release of grant during this year will depend on the progress on reports on the relevant projects to be sent by the State Government.

Development Projects in M.P.

738. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the details of the development works decided to be executed in the field of Telecommunication and postal sector in Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) whether some of the works started in the country in the current financial year are incomplete; and

(c) if so, the details with the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) The details of development works decided to be executed in the field of Telecommunication and Postal sector in Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year (1998-99) are given in Statement-I and Statement-II.

(b) and (c) The development works taken up so far during current financial year 1998-99 in Telecommunication and Postal sector are likely to be completed by 31.3.1999 during the Annual plan period.